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*"To make disciples of Jesus Christ who
Worship passionately, Love extravagantly,
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Prayer: IS Essential – Evangelism: IS Our Mission



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NEWS AND NOTES FOR SNYDER'S CHURCH FAMILY **MAY 2024**

Dear Snyder's Church Family and Friends,

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY WORSHIP: On Sunday May 12th we will celebrate Mother's Day in a very special way. Bev Zeigler has arranged to have JoAnn McMillen, a Perry County lady who received a liver transplant. The donation came from an Amish woman. JoAnn will share her Faith and this special journey. We have asked the Amish lady to also be present, however that may not be possible as the Amish Bishop may not allow her to be with us. JoAnn is no stranger to many of our church family and we look forward to her sharing not only her faith but also her healing. As part of the Worship Service, as is usual for the occasion, the men of our congregation will be the "choir" of the day! Plan to be with us.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER GATHERING: The first Thursday of May each year is the National Day Of Prayer. We are invited to participate at 12:00 noon under the leadership of the Mt. Gilead Church at the north end of the Village Square Plaza parking lot in Shermans Dale. This is a great opportunity for us to share our faith together. There is usually another service at 7 PM in the Court House at New Bloomfield. Plan to participate in either one or both services on Thursday May 2nd.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Our Church Council will meet Thursday May 2nd at 6:30 PM in the Adult Classroom. Council members and committees that have reports are to have them to Lisa on Sunday April 28th to be included in the packet of reports.

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COMPASS

A Message from Good News

Going to Nairobi and Charlotte



Tom Lambrecht and I will leave on April 7 for a quick trip to Nairobi, Kenya, to meet and strategize with 125 African delegates to the

upcoming General Conference. When I say “quick,” I mean “real quick!” Our trip will take just shy of five days from the time we leave to the time we return. We made this same trip last September. In total about 120 hours – and almost half of that time will be spent traveling. If this were a movie, I’d be shaking my head and saying something like, “I’m getting too old for this!”

A few weeks ago, United Methodist News Service ran an article reporting that Good News plans to be at the General Conference in Charlotte (April 23 – May 3.) The reaction by some United Methodist pastors and others on social media was predictable. “Disaffiliation is over. Good News should be gone by now and let the UM Church move on.”

But how can disaffiliation be over when it was never permitted to begin for the majority of United Methodists who live outside the United States? Paragraph 2553, which allowed churches in the U.S. to exit, was ruled by the bishops not to apply to congregations overseas. Claiming that disaffiliation is over because the window has closed here shows just how little “centrists” and progressives think of our brothers and sisters in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Philippines.

If the General Conference votes not to allow churches outside the U.S. the opportunity to consider disaffiliation, it will send a clear message to our friends in Africa and the Philippines – that the UM Church is comfortable granting rights and privileges to churches in this country that are primarily wealthy and white and that it will not provide for churches in the developing world that are primarily poor and people of color.

Why are Tom and I headed to Africa and why is Good News going to Charlotte for the General Conference? Because we want to stand with our African brothers and sisters. Because we believe churches outside the U.S. deserve justice. Because we have a debt to pay. Delegates from all over the world came to General Conference after General Conference to join us in contending for the faith once and for all delivered to the saints. They and God’s grace are the reason disaffiliation was passed in the first place. They didn’t abandon us when we needed them. And there is no way that we will abandon them when they need us.

Please pray for Tom and me, for our brothers and sisters around the world and for the General Conference. And thank you for your continued, generous support of our work.

Rob Renfroe
President and Publisher

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Extending Disaffiliation Options

By Thomas Lambrecht

The main agenda items for the Renewal and Reform Coalition at the 2024 General Conference meeting in Charlotte, NC, April 23-May 3 relate to providing new disaffiliation pathways for churches and annual conferences that have not been offered a fair opportunity to disaffiliate so far. This will be an uphill battle. United Methodist bishops and other leaders want to turn the page on disaffiliation and put it behind them. UM leaders are aghast at the high number of congregations that have disaffiliated in the U.S., particularly in the South and Midwest. They do not want to lose any more.

So, the UM establishment is putting on a full-court press to prevent any more disaffiliation pathways from being enacted at the 2024 General Conference.

United Methodists outside the U.S. have not been allowed to consider disaffiliation under the Par. 2553 pathway provided by the 2019 General Conference. This arbitrary decision, made by bishops without obtaining a ruling from the Judicial Council, has disenfranchised the majority of the church that lives outside the U.S.

The failure to allow non-U.S. churches to disaffiliate and the imposition of draconian costs on churches in the U.S. amounts to coercion. A coerced covenant is no real covenant at all. Hopefully, the 2024 General Conference delegates will consider fairness and provide the needed opportunities for realistic disaffiliation that have been lacking outside the U.S. and in some conferences in the U.S.

Thomas Lambrecht is a United Methodist clergy person and vice president of Good News. You can read his full article at www.goodnewsmag.org.

ANNUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 10 – 14 from 8:45 to 11:30 AM and 12:00 noon on the 14th our annual Vacation Bible School in co-operation with Roseglen and Dellville Churches will be here at Snyder's Church. The theme is "Camp Firelight – A Summer Adventure With God". You can register on our website and also see information on our face book page. Diana Payne is the Director again this year and if you are able to help with all the various tasks with VBS please speak to her. And church family please be in daily prayer as children will come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior during our VBS.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD: Recently we honored Wilson Hartley as he achieved the Eagle Scout Rank. Now we can honor another, Ryan Ciccocioppo has completed the requirements for Eagle. His award ceremony will be Sunday May 5th at 3:00 pm at the Wagner Community Park. A dinner will be served following. All are asked to bring a lawn chair to the event. Reservations are not required but appreciated. Call or speak to Emily. Congratulations to Ryan as we share how truly proud we are of this accomplishment.

YEAR OF BIBLE READING WITH PSALM/PROVERBS AND DAILY READINGS: Here are the readings for the month of May:

Week of May 5th: Psalms 52 – 54; Proverbs 12: 1 – 14

Week of May 12th: Psalms 55 – 57; Proverbs 12: 15 – 28

Week of May 19th: Psalms 58 – 60; Proverbs 13

Week of May 26th: Psalms 61 – 63; Proverbs 14: 1 – 17

From OUR DAILY BREAD:

May 1 – 4: I Kings 10-11, Luke 21: 20-38; I Kings 12-13, Luke 22: 1-20; I Kings 14-15, Luke 22: 21-46; I Kings 16-18, Luke 22:47-71;

May 5 – 11: I Kings 19-20, Luke 23: 1-25; I Kings 21-22, Luke 23: 26-56; II Kings 1-3, Luke 24: 11-25; II Kings 4-6, Luke 24: 36-53; II Kings 7-9, John 1: 1-28; II Kings 10-12, John 1: 29-51; II Kings 13-14, John 2

May 12 – 18: II Kings 15-16, John 3: 1-18; II Kings 17-18, John 3: 19-36; II Kings 19-21, John 4: 1-30; II Kings 22-23, John 4: 31-54; II Kings 24-25, John 5: 1-24; I Chronicles 1-3, John 5: 25-47; I Chronicles 4-6, John 6: 1-21

May 19 – 26: I Chronicles 7-9, John 6: 22-44; I Chronicles 10-12, John 6: 45-71; I Chronicles 13-15, John 7: 1-27; I Chronicles 16-18, John 7: 28-53; I Chronicles 19-21, John 8: 1-27; I Chronicles 22-24, John 8: 28-59; I Chronicles 25-27, John 9: 1-23; I Chronicles 28-29, John 9: 24-41

May 27 – 31: II Chronicles 1-3, John 10: 1-23; II Chronicles 4-6, John 10: 24-42; II Chronicles 7-9, John 11: 1-29; II Chronicles 10-12, John 11: 30-57; II Chronicles 13-14, John 12: 1-26

ENVELOPES ENCLOSED: The Finance Committee greatly appreciates the faithful, loving and cheerful giving of our church family to help us meet all of our financial obligations. Enclosed you will find a self-addressed envelope that you can use to return your tithes/offerings if unable to be with us; also a Tithe/Offering envelope. If you have any questions and/or concerns please speak to Darryl Graham, the chair of our Finance Committee. Additional envelopes are available at the church or you can call Sandy Graeff, our Financial Secretary.

